



Department of Energy
Southeastern Power Administration
Elberton, Georgia 30635-6711

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION (CX) DETERMINATION

PROPOSED ACTION: New rate schedule for the Cumberland System

LOCATION: Cumberland System

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED ACTION: Southeastern Power Administration is proposing a new rate schedule for customers who were formerly served by TVA and have elected to leave the TVA system. Existing rate schedules are approved through September 30, 2013. The new rate schedules would become effective March 1, 2010.

The Cumberland System consists of nine projects in the states of Tennessee and Kentucky. Under normal operating conditions, total capacity available from the system is 950,000 KW. Under the interim operating plan, the capacity will be zero. Average annual energy is 3,129 GWH.

Southeastern is proposing a new rate schedule to provide for customers who have elected to leave the TVA system. The new rates would be effective for the period from March 1, 2010, to September 30, 2013.

CX TO BE APPLIED (from Section D, DOE NEPA Guidelines): Appendix B4.1 – Establishment and implementation of contracts, marketing plans, policies, allocation plans, or acquisition of excess electric power that does not involve: (1) the integration of a new generation resource, (2) physical changes in the transmission system beyond the previously developed facility area, unless the changes are themselves categorically excluded, or (3) changes in the normal operating limits of generation resources.

I have determined that the proposed action meets the requirements for the CX reference above. Therefore, I have determined that the proposed action may be categorically excluded from further NEPA review and documentation.

Issued:


Kenneth E. Legg, Administrator
Southeastern Power Administration

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